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Weekly Black Sea Bass Quota Report (No. 50)

Black Sea Bass Landings and Commercial Quota (Pounds) for Quarter IV  
(Oct-Dec1999).

State	Late Entries	Week Ending <b>18-DEC-99</b>	Period Cumulative Total (to date)	1999 Quarter IV Quota	Percent Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	0	12	104,006		
RI	3	1,315	62,921		
CT	0	93	1,884		
NY	190	2,024	41,829		
NJ	5,652	6,551	99,705		
DE	1,189	4,563	31,034		
MD	0	1,501	115,109		
VA	347	11,975	140,009		
NC	5	7,377	23,866		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,386</b>	<b>35,411</b>	<b>620,363</b>	<b>598,043</b>	<b>103.7</b>

Notes:

Effective 0001 hrs on December 20, 1999, fishing vessels issued a Federal moratorium permit for the black sea bass fishery may no longer land black sea bass for the remainder of the Quarter 4 period.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **18-DEC-99**, 208 dealers held a federal black sea bass permit. Of those 208 dealers, 137 (66%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary. Data supplied by the State of Massachusetts are as of December 4, 1999.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

## State Information on Black Sea Bass

- This table is to be used for informational purposes only, and should not be relied on for state regulations. That information should be attained directly from the individual states.

State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine	Federal			Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire	Federal			603-868-1095
Massachusetts	Federal	1,000 lbs trip limit		Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island	Federal/ State	Landing of black sea bass is prohibited.		Jenifer Temple 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut	Federal	Effective 1/1/2000 the trip limit for black sea bass will be 9,000 lbs.		Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York	Federal			John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey	Federal			Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware	Federal			Rick Cole 302-739-4782
Maryland	Federal			Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia	Federal			Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina	Federal			Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021